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4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership**, **citizenship**, and **life skills**.

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You can pick your friends

How do you maintain your friendships? I was talking with my sister about this the other day, because while I always felt a little jealous of the troop-type friendship of a group of people who do everything together, that just isn't me. I will hang onto friendships for decades, but maybe only see them once or twice a year. Others I've only met once, but I'm in daily communication with via technology. My husband has the same core group of friends and tries to stack as many gatherings as possible. And while it takes some adjustment for me, I absolutely love that we both have different styles of friendship to mentor for our kids.

While we're in the throes of a new school year, it's a joy to watch our kids adapt and grow friendships, while adding more. If you're wondering what you can do to support their pursuit of healthy and fulfilling relationships - PBS Kids offers a little clip and article about Three Ways to Help Your Child Build Better Friendships (<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/three-ways-to-help-your-child-build-better-friendships>). No surprises here - they suggest letting them see your friendships, highlight how to be a good friend in different ways, and basically talking with your kids to get their take on what it means to be a good friend.

You might be pleasantly surprised on how they might be YOUR friend someday!

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animal sciences>>>

Rabbit Project

4-H is a time to learn many different things in life especially when it comes time to learn about how to show a new Bunny Rabbit for a 4-H county fair.

1. When showing a rabbit the project leader will give out information on many things you need to take care of a rabbit from housing a bunny in the right cage and what supplies you need to make your experience a wonderful one with your rabbit.
2. Next the Rabbit Project leader will set up meetings every month in a location to talk about education and how to pose your rabbit and learn about different illnesses a rabbit can get, also how to do showmanship and what attire you wear for showmanship.
3. Have fun because 4-H is all about learning and the Rabbit project will help families in the coming years.



Rabbit Project

With the Rabbit disease increase in La Crosse County, all rabbit project meetings are cancelled until further notice. Please continue to work with your rabbit as best as you can on your own. If you have any questions, you can email Dawn at jesus_1_us2001@yahoo.com or message her on the La Crosse County 4-H Blue Ribbon Bunnies group, or call at 608-397-1909.

Food Stand Thank You

Thank you to the 4-H clubs and individuals who helped so much at 4-H food stand this fair. Due to your generosity we were able to keep both sides of the booth open, which was a happy surprise. We know membership was down many things are up in the air, but it is wonderful to see so much from the community.

With everyone's help, the Leader's Association was able to raise around \$23,000 for the year's programs and scholarships.

Way to go everyone!

NEW - FORMS SECTION



For the 2022-2023 we have decided to make things as mobile friendly as possible. People don't have printers anymore, it's just inconvenient. There will ALWAYS be paper options, and if you'd like paper copies, please just let us know and we will provide them for you. However, we're going to look at making all forms online, and having them permanently in the Cloverline, so if you need a form, you have it. They will be on our website as well. As forms come to be, we'll start posting them in this section and will focus on events and club forms first.

2022 Achievement Celebration - Member and Club Dsics & Awards Form::

<https://tinyurl.com/58hmyh2n>.

Individual 4-H & Community County Award Nominations & Application:

<https://tinyurl.com/4vvdkaaf>.

save the date >>>

Achievement Celebration

The La Crosse County 4-H 2022 Achievement Celebration will take place on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lunda Center (319 7th St N) on the Western Technical College Campus. A free pre-celebration dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. before the awards ceremony.

At the Achievement Celebration, youth will be recognized for their achievements in 4-H over the past year in their clubs, projects, record books and county leadership roles. Youth will also share their travel experiences in 4-H as well! Everyone is encouraged to attend, but we do require an RSVP for dinner. Please email us at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org, or call at 608-785-9593 to let us know how many in your family will be attending, and if there are any dietary accommodations required.

Arts Camp Save The Date!

Are you a middle schooler looking for an opportunity to explore the arts through 4-H? If so, you don't want to miss Wisconsin 4-H Arts Camp! This state level experience offers one place for youth grades 6-8 to learn about topics like music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and more!

You'll rotate through the different arts tracks each day, participate in various group activities throughout, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.

4-H Arts Camp is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension and is funded through registrations and a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. You'll learn lots of creative ideas to take home to share with your family, friends, and community.

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited.

Save the dates of October 21-23 for this popular Wisconsin 4-H program at Upham Woods (Wisconsin Dells). Registration will be available from September 1-19 in 4HOnline.



la crosse interstate fair >>>

Fair Premium Checks

Thank you to all who participated in the 2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair! We would also like to thank those that provided volunteer support during judging events - this was truly appreciated. Premium Fair Checks are ready and will be distributed to your club leader to hand out at your next club meeting! Note: Premiums were paid based on clerking results in the judging books. If you have corrections, please contact Marla Stello at lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com by Friday, September 23rd with the name, exhibitor number, department, class, item and entry description as well as details of the correction. We look forward to your participation in next year's Fair from July 19-23, 2023!

Fall Forum 2022

- When: November 4th-6th, 2022
- Where: Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Friday night
- Introductions to Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates AND Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and Wisconsin 4-H Program Leadership
- And so much more! You won't want to miss it! Sample 2021 Fall Forum Schedule

Registration will open in 4HOnline in September for

- Youth 7th – 13th grade
- Adult volunteer leaders

Cost should not be a barrier to attending this program. If you would like a scholarship to cover Fall Forum fees, please contact Laura Pine, lpine@wisc.edu or (608)262-1222. Ambassadors will provide scholarship for anyone in Ambassador membership.

volunteer section > > >

LEADERS BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 8th, 2022

Time: 6:45 p.m. (Open Forum)

7:00pm (meeting)

Location: Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem (N5105 Leonard N, West Salem WI, 54669)

There will be an open forum at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee. We will vote on an updated scholarship policy and consider expanding our county award system.

At this time the Leaders' Board is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions starting in January 2023:

Vice President (a 3-year term that involves President and Past President in the following years)

- Secretary (2 yr term)
- Bangor Representative (2 yr term)
- La Crosse/Onalaska Representative (2 yr term)
- At-Large Representative (2 yr term)

Elections will be at the November 10, 2022 meeting. If you are interested and would like a position description, please let me know at emily.crook@wisc.edu!



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

NEW VOLUNTEERS:

All Wisconsin 4-H volunteers are required to report incidents of sexual misconduct that take place in Extension programs and complete training on how to report concerns. To complete this training start here: titleix.wi4h.org.

club corner >>>

Record Books

Record Books for the 2021-2022 4-H year are due by 4:30pm Thursday, September 8th. Your entire resource for all things Record Books can be found here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-books/>. There are rubrics for the judging so you can see exactly what the judges are looking for regarding levels of excellence.

There are different forms for a handful of projects, and if you are in your upper level years of 4-H knowledge, you'll want to look at the finance section for your projects as well. Of course if you have any questions please reach out to us at 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org. Those who achieve record book awards will be acknowledged at our Achievement Celebration on Oct 27th!

Pumphouse Exhibit and Show

The Pumphouse Open House for our 4-H Exhibits will be Tuesday, September 20th from 5:00pm-7:00pm - bring your family! We'll have treats! It's held at the Pump House Regional Art Center (119 King St, La Crosse). The official show begins Wednesday, September 14th and will run until Sunday, October 16th.

Those pieces selected at the fair for this exhibit will have received a purple ticket. Please fill out the purple ticket and drop your art off at the office by Thursday, September 8 by 4:30pm so we can prepare for set up. When filling out the form, use the grade you were in before summer started. It's confusing, we know. But that's the grade you were in when you created the art!

Any questions, please let the office know! 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.



First 4-H Craft Fair

Hang onto your fair exhibits - and other crafty things! La Crosse County 4-H is hosting it's first ever CRAFT FAIR! In an effort to celebrate National 4-H week, the fair will happen on Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 8am-Noon at the Presbyterian Church in West Salem. Sign up is for 4-H youth member sales only. No adult businesses or crafts allowed. Families can sign up for a table, or clubs, or individuals if you have enough stuff! We will have sign up information coming soon. But save the date, and start collecting your things! We will follow up with some curricula on how to have a good sale as well, (you know, so we learn new things).

Have specific questions? We're still setting up logistics, but feel free to reach out to 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org. Sign up will come soon!



2022-2023 enrollment >>>

Overview

The 4-H year runs from September to August; therefore, it is required that all 4-H families re-enroll in 4HOnline every fall in order to continue as 4-H members. There are several steps to completing this process as outlined below. However, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension La Crosse County office at 608-785-9593 or LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrosecounty.org if you need any help or have questions.

New families and volunteers can enroll anytime in the year, but must enroll before the April 1st deadline in order to participate in competitive events (such as Fair) for the year.



Step 1: Find a Club

All 4-H members must belong to a 4-H club, but the Extension office has no requirements as to the level of club participation. However, each club operates under their own bylaws and rules, which can vary from club to club.

CURRENT 4-H'ERS: Chances are, you already found a club that you fit into very well! But, there are no rules saying you can't change clubs at any time. If you would like to change clubs, re-enrollment is the perfect time to do so.

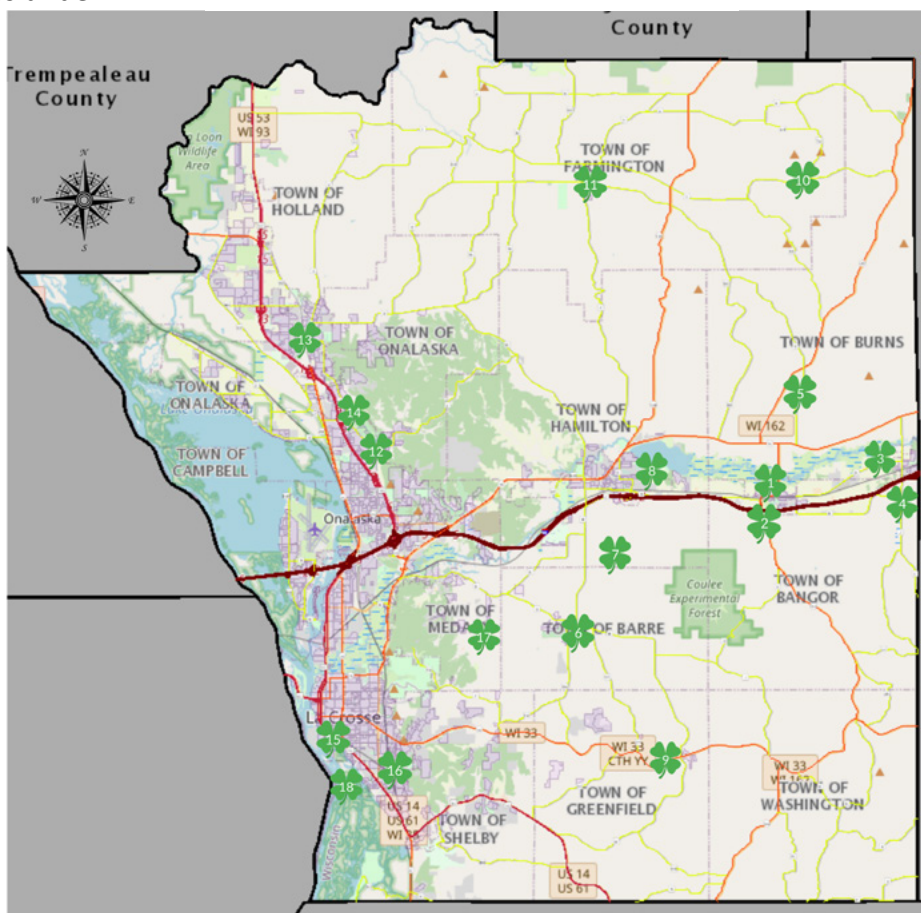
NEW 4-H'ERS: You're probably wondering "How do I pick a club when there are so many?" Many families pick a club that is close to where they live or where youth go to school, but it is all about finding a club that is a good fit for your family. We recommend that you try contacting a couple different clubs to get a feel for what they are about before committing to one. For club leader information, please contact our office.

Enrollment begins:
September 1st, 2022

Project deadline:
April 1st, 2023



4-H Club Locations Map



Step 2: Pick Your Projects

Projects do NOT have to be finalized at this point. You are free to add and edit projects up until the April 1st deadline. There are a few key rules below to keep in mind as you pick your projects.

CURRENT 4-H'ERS: If you tend to just keep the same projects year after year, be sure to check your list thoroughly this year as options have changed and some projects might be missing.

NEW 4-H'ERS: We recommend you stick with 1-3 projects to really focus on your first year and get the feel of 4-H without stretching yourself too thin. But feel free to sign up for as many projects as you want! There is no minimum or maximum limit to the number of projects you can enroll in.

Project changes are
happening this year!
Be sure to view the
Project Enrollment Guide
Carefully!



project pickin' rules

- Projects and Project Literature (see page 8) can only be chosen from the online **2022-2023 PROJECT ENROLLMENT GUIDE** at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/>. Read the descriptions carefully to find out what each project is about and what you will learn.
- A few projects have different “**LEVELS**” (e.g. Woodworking 1, Woodworking 2, Woodworking 3, etc.). These levels are a way to divide a project up by grade level, so just sign up for the level associated with your current grade in school.
- Youth cannot be enrolled in **HORSE** and **HORSELESS HORSE** Project at the same time. You should sign up for Horse if you have or are borrowing an animal and Horseless Horse if you do not have a physical horse but are still planning to learn about them and be involved in the Horse Project.
- Youth in grades K-2 can only enroll in the **CLOVERBUD** Project, which is a project focused on exploration of 4-H and the different areas of interest it offers. It is tailored for younger-aged 4-H members.
- The **EXPLORING** Project is only offered for youth in grades 3-4; however, youth are NOT required to be an Explorer. This project is merely a stepping stone for youth that need a little extra time between being a Cloverbud and entering in traditional projects with older youth.
- For youth that wish to exhibit in the **LA CROSSE INTERSTATE FAIR** in July, you must be signed up for the project(s) you wish to exhibit. (For example, if youth wanted to show a flower display at Fair, they must be signed up for the Flowers Project in 4HOnline.) **These project selections for Fair must be finalized by Saturday, April 1st, 2023.** There are no exceptions. If a youth does not have a project in their 4HOnline profile by April 1st, they will be unable to show those items at Fair. Therefore, it is in your best interest to sign up for anything you think you may want to exhibit at Fair, even if you are not decided.
- For youth that wish to exhibit their projects at the **WISCONSIN STATE FAIR** in August, their project selections must be finalized in 4HOnline by **Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.** This is a State Fair rule and there will be no exceptions. Therefore, it is in your best interest to sign up for anything you think you may want to exhibit at State Fair by this date, even if you are not decided at this point.

Step 3: Enroll in 4H Online

4HOnline is an online database system that the State of Wisconsin uses to track all 4-H families in our county. It is important that you keep your information up to date each year when you re-enroll. If you have any problems using 4HOnline, please reach out to us!

If you do not have computer access to complete your enrollment, paper forms are available in English and Spanish from the Extension office. Contact us and we'll be happy to mail you the form!

CURRENT 4-H'ERS: The step by step guide on how to re-enroll can be found online at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>. It is important that you do not create a new profile - your family information rolls over from year to year.

NEW 4-H'ERS: The step by step guide with screenshots on how to enroll for the first time can be found online at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>.



Step 4: Pay Club Dues

Club dues of a minimum of **\$3.00** per youth must be paid to your club leader each year to be considered a "member in good standing." If you do not pay your dues by your club's established deadline, there could be consequences - including not being able to show at Fair! These club dues cover important health and liability insurances for youth over the course of the year.

If your family is experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay your club dues for any reason, please reach out to your club leader or the Extension office. The 4-H Leaders Board may be able to help you with a scholarship! Money should not be any reason a child does not participate in La Crosse County 4-H.

CURRENT & NEW 4-H'ERS: Please pay your dues to your club leader as soon as possible. Contact your club leader for payment method details as each club has their own procedures for collecting these dues. Be aware that a few clubs collect a little more than \$3.00 to cover the cost of club expenses throughout the year, so be sure to double check with your leader!

Ready to Enroll?



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Step 5: Order Project Literature

Project Literature is a completely optional resource provided by the 4-H Leaders Board. Essentially, each Project has a series of state-certified curriculum workbooks or reading material to help guide youth through their project work over the course of the year.

All enrolled youth are eligible for 5 free pieces of Project Literature each year! Any additional pieces of literature may be purchased for a small fee. To find out what titles are available for each project, turn to the 2019-2020 Project Guide (<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/>) and then place your order!

CURRENT & NEW 4-H'ERS: It is important that you do NOT order literature through your 4HOnline profile during enrollment. This feature is not compatible with La Crosse County. Once you have selected the titles you want, visit <https://forms.gle/fYmgnpuue6XCNHX2A> and fill out the short online form. The Extension office will call you when your books are ready to pick up!

Ordering Project
Literature in 4HOnline
DOESN'T WORK!

to order, fill out the google
form here: <https://forms.gle/fYmgnpuue6XCNHX2A>

Adult Volunteers

Parents, leaders and young adults - we need your help to continue the rich tradition of La Crosse County 4-H Youth Development! 4-H couldn't happen without your time, effort and talents. If you would like to become a certified 4-H volunteer, we'd love to have you! Just follow the steps below:

CURRENT VOLUNTEERS:

- Re-enroll in 4HOnline. Instructions for returning volunteers are online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>.
- Attend the annual "refresher training" offered by the Extension office in January or March. Attendance will be taken at this training!

NEW VOLUNTEERS:

- Attend Volunteer in Preparation (V.I.P.) Training offered by the Extension office. Trainings are offered often during enrollment season, or call our office at 608-785-9593 to set up a one-on-one training time!
- Create your enrollment profile in 4HOnline. Instructions can be found online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>.
- Submit to a state conducted background check. An email will come to your inbox about a week after you submit your 4HOnline profile. If you miss the email, please contact our office for a paper form.
- Complete the online Mandated Reporter Training in 4HOnline. Instructions for this training can be found online at <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/files/2018/03/Mandated-Reporter-Training-Instructions-1.pdf>.

Annual Financial Reports Due

For all chartered clubs and groups, it's time to do the annual financial report! Since our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30th, it would be a good time NOW to pull all your account information and fill out the Financial Report. All 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must annually complete and submit the following documents to the Extension Office by September 1:

- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report
- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Audit Checklist
- A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30
- A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
- A current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment with individual values of \$1,000 or greater.
- Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups. Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax exempt status and forfeiture of all financial assets. You can find all of these documents and additional resources, here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>. For any information from last year's Charter/Financial Report, please contact Emily at emily.crook@wisc.edu or 608-785-9593, and I will get that information to you!



youth leadership >>>

4-H Octoberfest Pancake Breakfast - Volunteers Needed

Date: Sunday, October 9th, 2022
Time: 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Interstate Fair Grounds
Cost: \$6.00/person
\$3.00/youth (age 10 & under)

Both adult and youth volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Shifts will be from 7:00am - 10am and 9:00am - 12:00pm. To sign up to help please contact Linda Saley at 608-486-2931 or Sue Kramer at rskburro69@msn.com.

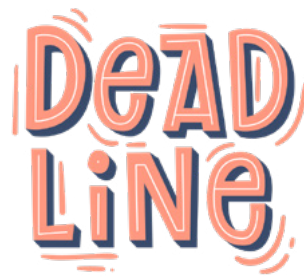
The 4-H Leaders Association is sponsoring the pancake breakfast to be held in conjunction with the Oktoberfest Races from October 6th through October 9th, 2022. The Mindoro Lions will again supply their grills and labor in preparation.



Ambassador Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday September 25, 2022
- **Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- **Location:** County Administrative Center (212 6th St N) - park in parking lot and enter off of 7th St.

If you are in grades 7 and up and are interested in what you can do for your community and 4-H, consider joining our Ambassador group! The first few meetings we'll get settled, vote on officers, establish our subcommittee groups and calendar for the year, and get to work! So far our subcommittee work involves day camp event, award and education opportunities, marketing opportunities, and craft fair event. Try out a meeting and see if it's your spark!



Ambassador Program Application Time

Being a 4-H Ambassador is a great honor – selected youth get to represent La Crosse County 4-H at community and county events and activities. Ambassadors participate in a wide variety of duties throughout the year, such as:

Assisting at festivals by presenting awards, ushering, and emceeing • Working at the county fair • Talking with community groups about 4-H • Visiting clubs to promote upcoming events • Providing leadership to younger 4-H youth at county-wide events • Participating in parades and County festivities • Completing TV and/or Radio spots

The next Ambassador term will begin in October and go through the end of August. Very few formal meetings are held as time is put in on event days. If you have additional questions about being an Ambassador, please contact the Extension office. Interested in becoming an Ambassador for the 2022- 2023 4-H year? All youth going into grades 7 and up are invited to apply!

Applications are due to the Extension La Crosse County office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30th and can be found here on our website here: [https:// lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/ youth-leadership/](https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/). Current Ambassadors who wish to continue for the next year please email Emily Crook to inform her that you're still involved!

ME Form Deadline

Anyone looking to receive Leaders Association trip scholarships for the 2022-2023 year should have an ME (Membership Evaluation) form on file with the 4-H office. This form has all of the potential trips listed for selection, rendering multiple scholarship applications unnecessary. Visit here: Please submit your form to the La Crosse County Extension Office at 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601, or submit it lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org by 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022. Trips are coming back in the 2023 Summer, so be sure to get this locked in and out of the way! To find the form scroll down on this page: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>.



youth leadership >>>

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nationwide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Here are just some of the activities delegates will partake in while at National Congress:

- **Educational Workshops:** Varying from sessions like “Farm to Fork-Teaching as Service Learning,” “Dancing with the Stars,” “Social Media in Our World,” and “The Healthy Gourmet,” there’s bound to be a state-of-the-art workshop for everyone!
- **Exploring the city:** With educational trips to museums, theaters, and Centennial Olympic park, delegates will get to broaden their appreciation for the arts and many historical events in America.
- **State and Congress-wide meetings:** Delegates will be given time to reflect on their recent experiences as well as put their new skills to use!
- **International Events:** Let’s take a trip overseas! With a night of international dinner and entertainment, delegates will expand their knowledge on the culture, food, and art of countries from around the globe!
- **Community Service:** Delegates will be split up to serve various parts of downtown Atlanta to give back and experience what it feels like to have a positive impact on a community!
- **Educational Tours:** Whether delegates are learning about the hottest attractions in “Hotlanta,” exploring the CNN News Worldwide Headquarters, learning about the historical events of the south, visiting the College Football Hall of Fame, walking around the aquarium or exploring the zoo, delegates will get a little taste of what there is to experience in Atlanta!
- **World-Renowned Speakers:** In previous years, delegates have heard from Miss America, top-ranked motivational speakers, Miss Delaware and alopecia areata hair loss patient, and holocaust survivors.
- **National 4-H Congress Gala:** To close out the experience, delegates will have a formal dinner and ceremony with some special guest appearances.

National 4-H Congress is an experience like no other! Upon leaving, delegates will have had the opportunity to expand their knowledge about the world, the United States, and network with others from across the country. They will gain many new connections that will last a lifetime. We hope to see you at National 4-H Congress in the near future!

Questions about National 4-H Congress that you can’t find the answers to on this website? Feel free to contact Justin Lieck, Educational Programs Assistant at justin.lieck@wisc.edu or 608-263-5971.

Annual Awards Nomination and Application Time!

Many thanks to Ambassador and Youth Leader Emily Groth for helping us take the leap into the future in our La Crosse County 4-H Awards application process. We’re still working on establishing some new local awards, but for now, if you know of a youth or volunteer or even a community member who has been so integral for the success of our 4-H program, please consider nominating them. Or if you feel you’ve earned this award - please nominate yourself! Here are the following awards we’d like nominations or applications for:

- I Dare You Award (Leadership, for youth grades 9, 10)
- Servais Memorial Award (Communication, Arts, for youth grades 9+)
- Key Award (Leadership, for youth grades 9+)
- Friend of 4H Award (Volunteer, Community Member, Adult)
- Honor Leader (Club/Project Leader, Adult)

If you would like to nominate or apply, please submit this form: <https://forms.gle/PaRKwB9t3aHBXEMf8> by Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 4:30pm. Any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

new family section

Each month we hope to provide some helpful hints, definitions, and to-dos to assist new families in joining in on club and county activities. If you haven't been invited to a club meeting yet, please reach out to our office at lacrosecounty4h@lacrosecounty.org.



For more information on 4-H volunteering - visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/> to learn more!

goals for next year

As we finish out this year of new family section (we will start repeating in the future, but if you have more suggestions for topics, please let me know!), now we're going to focus on moving forward. Developing goals for your family, your club, your 4-H experience. We reflected last month, and now we're ready to jump into the next year! For the state newsletter for this issue, visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HnewfamGOALS>

club/individual level

Clubs will start putting together SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relative, and timely) goals for their annual chartering/auditing process. What ideas do you have for your club to improve? Was your club as active as you'd like? Does your family have more interests or clubs they'd like to check out? (let our office know!) What goals do you have for fair next year? Or do you want your family to attend more county-wide events? Maybe your goal is to attend a leader's board meeting!

county communications

I (Emily) have my own goals too for the county! This year I plan on getting back to basics of 4-H and ensuring that all clubs feel supported and can provide a quality experience for families. I also want to increase support for youth to fully explore their projects and interests - by also supporting those of parents, too.

It's that exciting time of year - let's see where we can take our 4-H experience!

2022-2023 Event Dates

- 9-20-2022: 4-H Pumphouse Art Show
- 10-8-2022: 4-H Craft Fair
- 10-27-2022: Achievement Celebration
- 11-TBD-2022: Officer Workshop
- TBD: Leaders Holiday Party
- TBD: Annual Leaders Training
- 1-7-2023: Archery / Pellet Gun Program Begins
- 1-14-2023: Expressive Arts
- 2-11-2023: Clover College
- 3-11-2023: Foods Workshop
- 03-TBD-2023 - 04-TBD-2023: Arrows In The Square
- 04-TBD-2023: Fur, Fin Feather
- 06-TBD-2023: 4-H Loggers Day
- 06-26-2023: Foods Revue
- 07-TBD-2023: Clothing Revue
- 07-19-2023 - 07-23-2023: La Crosse Interstate Fair
- TBD Summer 2023 : Summer Camp

september calendar >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Financial Reports Due	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Leaders Board Meeting Awards & Nominations Due Record Books Due	9	10
11	12	13	14 Pump House 4-H Art Show Opens	15	16	17
18	19	20 Pump House Art Show Reception	21	22	23	24
25 Ambassador Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 ME Forms Due	

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